



GRILLING THE ABSURD... ARAB-STYLE.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2006

Israel Wins at the Polls

JTA sent on its mailing list an excellent synopsis of how Jewish candidates fared in the elections, as well as how American Jews voted.

More interestingly, it reviewed how pro-Israeli candidates did. While some pro-Israeli hawks, such as Joe Lieberman (I-CT) won, others, such as right-wing nutbag Rick Santorum (R-PA), lost. Israel's supporters shed a speedbump in the form of moderate Republican and war critic Lincoln Chafee (R-RI).

Pro-Israeli lobbyists must be aroused with feisty hawk Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) set to take leadership of the House. They also flexed their electoral muscle with Lieberman's win, which was essentially paid for and staffed by out-of-state pro-Israel activists. The JTA piece also shows how the pro-Israel machine is already going to work on the first Muslim in Congress, Keith Ellison (D-MN).

Read the informative JTA briefing:

Jews increased their numbers by two in the U.S. Senate and at least four in the U.S. House of Representatives. U.S. Rep. Bernie Sanders, an Independent who was backed by the Democrats, won Vermont's Senate seat. U.S. Rep. Ben Cardin, also a Democrat, was projected to win Maryland's seat. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, an Independent in

CONTRIBUTORS

- FADI
- WILL
- NABEEL
- IBRAHIM
- MAY
- FAYYAD
- DIANA
- NADEEM
- OMAR
- FARIS
- HANAAN
- KHALED B
- ZAINA

KABOBFest is an unedited forum for Arab-Americans and friends to complain about politics and other serious topics in intelligent and funny ways. [Email us](#)

[FAQs](#)

[RETURN HOME](#)

[SET UP A FEED](#)

KABOBCASTS - AUDIO FOOD
[Khaled Hroub Talk \(11.07.06\)](#)

Connecticut who has pledged to vote with the Democratic caucus, also won.

Another two Jewish incumbent senators are up for re-election this year and were projected to win: Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.); and Sen. Herb Kohl (D-Wis.). The wins would raise Jewish representation in the Senate to 13, the most Jews that body has had. There were 26 Jews in the House in the last Congress. Six Jewish Democrats -- in Florida, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Arizona, Kentucky and New Hampshire -- were projected to win freshman bids. That means at least 30 Jews will serve in the House in the next Congress, with Cardin and Sanders ascending to the Senate.

U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman defeated Ned Lamont, the cable TV magnate who used anti-Iraq war sentiment to best Lieberman in the Democratic primary. Lieberman, who backed the Iraq war, ran as an independent but pledged to vote with the Democratic caucus. Exit polls suggested Lieberman, the first Jew to feature on a viable presidential ticket in 2000, garnered 60 percent of the Jewish vote and Lamont garnered 40 percent. Lieberman had drawn significant pro-Israel funds and Jews from around the region went to Connecticut to help get out the vote.

Jews voted for Democrats in their highest numbers in 14 years, an exit poll showed. Democrats garnered 87 percent of Jewish votes, the CNN exit poll said, and Republicans earned 10 percent. That was opposed to 55 percent of all respondents who voted Democrat and 44 who voted Republican. About 200 of the 10,207 respondents were Jewish. Jews also led all other religions in voting for Democrats.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), who is close to national Jewish leaders, is set to become speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Democrats were projected to win the House in Tuesday's midterm congressional elections, which would make House party leader Pelosi the first woman to assume the speaker's mantle, second in line to the presidency. Pelosi has strong ties to a number of

[Lisa Taraki Talk \(11.07.06\)](#)

[Beshara Doumani Speech \(10.27.06\)](#)

[Rashid Khalidi Interview \(10.10.06\)](#)

[Military Recruiting \(w/Rani\) \(1.21.06\)](#)

[Domestic Spying \(1.14.06\)](#)

[Sharon's Health \(1.07.06\)](#)

[Art Rage \(7.29.05\)](#)

[Leaving Gaza With a Bang \(7.18.05\)](#)

[Rice's Wack AUC Speech \(7.11.05\)](#)

KABOBPOSTS - RECENT POSTS

[On Sinking Ships And The Silliness Of *CNN*](#)

[In the Wake of Israel's Killing Spree](#)

[Palestine: Internal and Regional Dynamics](#)

[Israel Wishes It Was Elections Every Day](#)

[Can Western Journalists Ever Understand Arabs?](#)

[Girl Power](#)

[Vanity Fair on the Neo-Con Blame Game](#)

[Halloween Costume Excites Zionists](#)

[Just Because I Feel Like It...](#)

[KABOB Exclusive: Haggard Photo Exposed](#)

TASTY BLOGS

[Palestine Blogs](#)

[To: Bush, From: Al-Jazeera](#)

[Angry Arab](#)

[Informed Comment](#)

[Rockslinga](#)

[Moorishgirl](#)

Jewish groups, including the American Israel Public Affairs Committee; she is a close friend of Amy Friedkin, a past AIPAC president and like Pelosi, a resident of the Bay area in northern California.

U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.), who had strong backing among some pro-Israel activists, lost most of the Jewish vote in Pennsylvania, according to exit polls. Santorum conceded his seat to Bob Casey, who challenged Santorum's support for the Iraq war and his conservative social policies. Santorum was one of the biggest beneficiaries of pro-Israel money, getting \$2 million in support, more than any other candidate except for U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman (I-Conn.) However, Casey drew even greater Jewish backing, and one exit poll suggested he garnered more than 80 percent of the Jewish vote.

U.S. Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R-R.I.), who drew strong pro-Israel opposition, was projected to lose his bid for re-election to Sheldon Whitehouse. Whitehouse drew funding from the pro-Israel community. Chafee, the chairman of the Senate's Middle East subcommittee, was strongly critical of Israel's settlement policy and recently blocked the nomination of John Bolton as U.N. ambassador to protest a planned settlement expansion. Chafee was considered a casualty of profound opposition in Rhode Island to the Iraq war. The senator was not a backer of the war, but voters sought to punish President Bush by targeting the Republican Party.

For the first time, a Muslim is set to become a U.S. congressman. Keith Ellison, a Democrat, easily defeated Alan Fine, a Jewish Republican, in a Minneapolis area district in Tuesday's 2006 midterm elections. Ellison earned endorsements from leading Jews in the district and expressed regrets about his ties in the mid-1990s with the Nation of Islam, an anti-Semitic offshoot of Islam. He is due to visit Israel for the first time in the coming weeks as a guest of the Minnesota Jewish community.

POSTED BY WILL AT 9:17 AM

3 COMMENTS:

Raed in the Middle
Secrets in Baghdad
A Family in Baghdad
Arabism
Free Iraq
Dahr Jamail
tech#
And Far Away
Arabesque Rhapsody
Sabbah's Blog
Um Kahlil
Jews Sans Frontieres
Angry White Kid
Lawrence of Cyberia
Nur Al-Cubicle
Abu Aardvark
Cafe Lulu
Al Falasteenyia
Saree Makdisi
Iraq From a Window
Global Voices - Palestine
A Mother From Gaza
Land of Sad Oranges
The Front Line
My Occupied Territory
Lee Kaplan Watch
Montreal, Palestine
Improvisations
Ted Swedenburg
Ibn Bint Jbeil
Open Lebanon
American-Palestinian
17 Fish Invaded Estonia
Arabisto

DELICIOUS SOURCES
Al-Ahram
Al-Jazeera
Arab-American News

Counterpunch

Anonymous said...

Will, you'd come off as a lot smarter, and a lot less of an uninformed demagogue, if you'd actually do some research rather than just impose your own views on others based on their race or religion.

You write:

The JTA piece also shows how the pro-Israel machine is already going to work on the first Muslim in Congress, Keith Ellison (D-MN).

Whatever - from his own website:

Right now Hamas represents the greatest obstacle to this path, and until Hamas denounces terrorism, recognizes the absolute right of Israel to exist peacefully and honors past agreements, it cannot be considered legitimate partners in this process.

Terrorism is the greatest impediment to peace. At this point the Palestinian Authority (PA) has yet to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure in Gaza and the West Bank. The United States cannot support any government that condones or embraces terrorism.

The other serious threat to the security of the region is Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons. This must be stopped. A nuclear-armed Iran would upset the strategic balance in the region and pose a clear threat to world peace. Iran's sponsorship of international terrorism as well as financial aid to terrorist organizations endangers peace around the globe. I believe that the United States must engage Iran in a diplomatically meaningful way, through direct or multi-lateral negotiations, before resorting to military force.

Iran is the leading sponsor of international terrorism as well as the major financial supporter of many radical groups that threaten moderate regimes throughout the Middle East.

<http://www.keithellison.org/issues-israel.htm>

He's pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel. Not a zero-sum(mer) like you.

11:27 AM

Electronic Intifada
Financial Times
Google News
Ha'aretz (censored)
London Review of Books
MIT Journal of ME Studies
NY Review of Books
Palestine Database
The War in Context
Wikipedia
International Middle East Media Center
PostGlobal

KABOBFRIENDS
Khalil Bendib, Awesome Cartoonist
Institute for Middle East Understanding (IMEU)
Mizna - Arab-American Arts Journal
People of Color...
Stylish T-shirts
Crayon People
Critical Race for Dat *ss
Delicious
A Taste of Junichi
Website Popularity Index
Halim El-Dabh
The Jerusalem Fund
Iron Sheik Baby
The Philistines
Arab Rap Site
Euphrates hip-hop
Palestine On-Line Store
Cool Pins and Pitches
Palestine Solidarity Movement
Divestment Support Committee
Dope Pali T-Shirts
Cognitive Dissidents

Jews of Conscience

Anonymous said...

At least Will slipped and admitted:

"Nation of Islam, an anti-Semitic offshoot of Islam"

All in all, us Zionists did great in the elections, unless of course you take into account that terrorists worldwide, endorsed Democrats. I think we'll be fine.

After all, Americans are still Americans and we enjoy our quality of life and will band together to make sure criminals, thugs, klingons, and the barbarians that Kaboomfesters cheer for get killed and/or imprisoned.

11:33 AM

Anonymous said...

Another great success of these elections was that Michigan voters outlawed race and gender preferences when they approved proposal 2.

Unfortunately, it is a few years too late as Will, Fadi, and the rest of the kabombers already got their degrees from prestigious universities while other smarter and more deserving applicants were passed up to allow these bottom dwellers to take their spots. Well, at least that won't happen again.

12:25 PM

[POST A COMMENT](#)

[LINKS TO THIS POST:](#)

[More Jews in Congress than ever before see JTA link](#)

[CREATE A LINK](#)

[<< Home](#)

KABOBCHIVES

[01/01/2004 - 01/31/2004](#)

[02/01/2004 - 02/29/2004](#)

[03/01/2004 - 03/31/2004](#)

[04/01/2004 - 04/30/2004](#)

[05/01/2004 - 05/31/2004](#)

[06/01/2004 - 06/30/2004](#)

[05/01/2005 - 05/31/2005](#)

[06/01/2005 - 06/30/2005](#)

[07/01/2005 - 07/31/2005](#)

[08/01/2005 - 08/31/2005](#)

[09/01/2005 - 09/30/2005](#)

[10/01/2005 - 10/31/2005](#)

[11/01/2005 - 11/30/2005](#)

[12/01/2005 - 12/31/2005](#)

[01/01/2006 - 01/31/2006](#)

[02/01/2006 - 02/28/2006](#)

[03/01/2006 - 03/31/2006](#)

[04/01/2006 - 04/30/2006](#)

[05/01/2006 - 05/31/2006](#)

[06/01/2006 - 06/30/2006](#)

[07/01/2006 - 07/31/2006](#)

[08/01/2006 - 08/31/2006](#)

[09/01/2006 - 09/30/2006](#)

[10/01/2006 - 10/31/2006](#)

[11/01/2006 - 11/30/2006](#)





